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S/S - MR. ORTIZ
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R 271829Z FEB 76
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS:PPDC, PFOR, SO, US, FT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'SREPLY TO PRESIDENT SIAD

1. SIGNED ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT SIAD IS BEING POUCHED TO YOU FOR DELIVERY. IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL, YOU MAY CONVEY TEXT OF REPLY TO SIAD IN ADVANCE OF RECEIPT OF LETTER ITSELF. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 9, WHICH I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST. I AM PLEASED TO HEAR THAT IN YOUR VIEW THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE IMPROVED. THIS HAS BEEN MY DESIRE, AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT WE HAVE RENEWED AN AID PROGRAM FOR SOMALIA. I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN AND OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH SOMALI OFFICIALS TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY PRELIMINARY WORK LEADING TO AGREEMENT ON HOW THE AID FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED.
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THE QUESTION OF DJIBOUTI WHICH YOU RAISED IS AN IMPORTANT
AND URGENT ONE REQUIRING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. THE UNITED

STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE DEVELOP-
MENTS RELATING TO THE COMING INDEPENDENCE OF THAT
TERRITORY, AND WILL CONSULT WITH SOMALIA AND OTHER GOVERN-
MENTS WHICH HAVE A DIRECT AND SPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS
AREA. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH ALL THE PARTIES
IN THE REGION TO SUPPORT PEACE AND STABILITY. IT WOULD
BE INDEED UNFORTUNATE IF INDEPENDENCE WERE TO BRING
DISTURBANCE AND CONFLICT RATHER THAN BENEFITS TO THE
PEOPLE OF THAT TERRITORY AND ITS NEIGHBORS.

YOUR COMMENTS ON ANGOLA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN PROMPT ME
TO REPEAT THAT WE BELIEVE IT TO BE IN THE INTERESTS OF
ALL CONCERNED THAT AFRICA NOT BE THE SCENE OF MILITARY
COMPETITION BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS. THIS HAS BEEN,
AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, OUR CONSISTENT POLICY. WE
REGRET THAT OTHERS HAVE NOT ALWAYS EXERCISED THE RESTRAINT
REQUIRED FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS POLICY.

I WAS PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE REAFFIRMED SOMALIA'S POLICY
OF NON-ALIGNMENT. I BELIEVE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH
A POLICY WILL FOSTER THE BETTER RELATIONS WE BOTH SEEK,
AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL SHORTLY SEE FURTER EVIDENCE
OF OUR IMPROVED RELATIONS IN MULTILATERAL AS WELL AS IN
BILATERAL MATTERS.

I EXTEND BEST WISHES TO YOU AND THE SOMALI PEOPLE AND
RECIPROCATE YOUR DESIRE THAT DURING 1976 SIGNIFICANT
STRIDES BE MADE TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE AND
JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE

3. DEPT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE LETTER, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION IF GSDR DOES SO.

4. UPON DELIVERY OF TEXT OF LETTER, PLEASE NOTIFY AND
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DEPARTMENT WILL PASS COPY TO SOMALI EMBASSY HERE. KISSINGER

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